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**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN OVERSEEING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF DEBT  
AND THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY AND CORRUPTION**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the statutory  
deadline by the delegations of Algeria, Argentina, China, Cuba, Egypt, Germany, India,  
Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Morocco, Norway, Philippines, Romania, South Africa,  
Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Venezuela***

**PREAMBLE**

Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Recalling* the Declaration of Presiding Officers of Parliaments entitled "The Parliamentary Vision of International Cooperation at the Dawn of the Third Millennium", adopted 1 September 2000, and the declaration entitled "Bridging the Democracy Gap in International Relations : a Stronger Role for Parliaments" adopted 9 September 2005, **which called upon all parliaments and their world organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, to provide a parliamentary dimension to international cooperation,**

*(Philippines)*

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Further recalling* the Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, which established eight goals with specific deadlines and target figures, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and that these goals represent criteria established by common agreement within the international community for the elimination of poverty, ~~as well as the human development reports issued by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Summit Outcome adopted by Heads of State and Government on 15 September 2005,~~

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Further recalling* the Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, which established eight goals with specific deadlines and target figures, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and that these goals represent criteria established by common agreement within the international community **to the global partnership for development** for the elimination of poverty, ~~as well as the human development reports issued by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Summit Outcome adopted by Heads of State and Government on 15 September 2005,~~

(India)

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Recalling* the final declarations of the United Nations special conferences, and in particular the International Conference on Financing for Development, held at Monterrey (Mexico) in 2002; **and** the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held at Johannesburg (South Africa) in 2002; ~~and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held at Brussels (Belgium) in 2001,~~

(India)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) [ ... ] by the 88<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Conference (Stockholm, 1992) on the need for a radical solution to the problem of debt in the developing world; **by the 101<sup>st</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Conference (Brussels, 1999) on writing off the government debt of heavily indebted poor countries (HIPC)s**; [ ... ],

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Greatly concerned* by the fact that **over** 1.2 billion people - one out of every five of the world's inhabitants - survive on less than the purchasing power equivalent of one US dollar per day, **below the international poverty line set at one dollar a day, and that in over 50 countries - 35 of which are in Africa - poverty indicators have worsened over the past decade,**

(Algeria)

Preambular paragraph 7

Delete the paragraph.

(India)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Recognizing* that peace and security and development are interlinked and mutually reinforcing, **it is essential the parliamentary contribution to the drastic reduction of military expenditure and to the elimination of Executives' legal bases - in the countries all over the world - which support any kind of aggression against national and foreign peoples,**

(Venezuela)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Aware* that parliaments have a crucial role to play in promoting the eight MDGs and that it is essential for them to adopt the necessary legislation, **participate in formulating general policies and follow-up their implementation, exercise oversight of executive action in this regard, request government reports on progress made in achieving the MDGs,** and approve the appropriate budget allocations,

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Aware* that parliaments have a crucial role to play in promoting the eight MDGs and that it is essential for them to adopt the necessary legislation and approve the appropriate budget allocations, **as well as to monitor the state of implementation of legislation and the state of budget execution,**

(Japan)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Aware* that parliaments have a crucial role to play in promoting the eight MDGs and that it is essential for them to adopt the necessary legislation, ~~and~~ approve the appropriate budget allocations, **and exercise effective oversight of the implementation of MDG-related policies,**

(Romania)

New preambular paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

**(9bis) *Reiterating* that gender equality and the advancement of women are essential for achieving the MDGs,**

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) ~~Greatly~~ **Concerned** by the fact that in the current state of affairs, despite progress in some respects, financing for the MDGs, and thus their achievement by 2015, ~~is~~ **may** not ~~be~~ assured,

(Germany)

New preambular paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 10 to read as follows:

**(10bis) *Recalling* the alarming fact contained in UNCTAD reports, according to which, in keeping with the established economic order, the richest continent on earth in terms of natural resources - Africa - is paradoxically also the poorest, as it continues to make net transfers of funds to the North to service its debt,**

*(Algeria)*

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Observing* that commitments towards the target of 0.7% of ~~GNP~~ **GNI** as ODA have still not been fulfilled by most countries, but *noting* that several countries have committed to their fulfilment over the next 10 years,

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

(11) ~~*Observing* that~~ ***Stressing* the urgent need for the fulfilment of the commitments towards to attain** the target of 0.7% of GNP as ODA ~~have still not been fulfilled by most countries, but *noting* that several countries have committed to their fulfilment over the next 10 years,~~ **as a fundamental prerequisite for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals,**

*(Norway)*

New preambular paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 11 to read as follows:

**(11bis) *Welcoming* the announcement at the Gleneagles Summit in July 2005 that ODA to Africa would be doubled in the next three years,**

*(Japan)*

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Noting* that ~~despite~~ **even after the significant** progress made bilaterally, and **especially** multilaterally within the framework of the Bretton Woods institutions, ~~in the area of debt cancellation, relief, and restructuring,~~ **to reduce the debt burden and maintain indebtedness in developing countries at a sustainable level** remains ~~a major constraint on and an obstacle to economic growth and human development~~ **a challenge in many countries,**

*(Germany)*

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Noting* that ~~despite~~ **the** progress made bilaterally, and multilaterally within the framework of the Bretton Woods institutions, in the area of debt cancellation, relief, and restructuring, ~~the debt burden remains a major constraint on and an obstacle to economic growth and human~~

development **help reduce significantly the debt burden and unblock resources to achieve the MDGs,**

(Switzerland)

New preambular paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

**(12bis) Recognizing in this regard that debt cancellation for the poorest African countries is as much a necessity as economic globalization which, since the 1980s, although it has created wealth in several regions of the world, has unfortunately been of little benefit to Africa, as this continent still, in spite of its efforts, accounts for a mere 1 per cent of global GDP and 2 per cent of international trade - indicators which, moreover, have fallen sharply compared with the 1960s,**

(Algeria)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

**(12bis) Deeply cognizant that as a result of debt-servicing, most debtor countries are deprived of their scarce resources and hard earned savings and must sacrifice their budget allocations for education, health care, housing and other development projects,**

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraphs 12bis and 12ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

**(12bis) Convinced that World Bank and IMF conditionality will continue to hinder rather than aid poor countries ability to fight poverty and meet the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals,**

**(12ter) Convinced that lives of a billion people could be improved in the next decade if developed countries reform their trade, migration and investment policies and that the spread of prosperity would serve the interests of all countries,**

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 13

[ The proposed modification has no repercussion for the English version of the draft ]

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

**(13) Convinced that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if with full respect to beneficiary countries' ownership and national development strategy promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate corruption,**

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

**(13) Convinced that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries promote democracy, apply principles of good governance;**

and ~~eradicate~~ **combat** corruption, **they would draw optimal benefits from international development assistance and debt cancellation,**

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows :

(13) ~~Convinced that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries~~ **on the need to promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate corruption within each country and at the international level,**

(India)

Amend to read as follows :

(13) *Convinced* that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, ~~and~~ **eradicate corruption, and implement sustainable economic development strategies,**

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows :

(13) *Convinced* that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate corruption, **it is necessary to overcome the liberal conception of representative democracy and to advance in the development and the implementation of a model of participatory democracy, due to the fact that the poor require the existence of an active and participatory citizenship as the necessary condition to freedom and justice. The traditional representative democracy reduced to competitions in the electoral field and competitions for leadership, where citizens just play the role of choosing among different elites, which does not guarantee the sufficient participation of peoples in the determination of their own destiny,**

(Venezuela)

#### New preambular paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

(13bis) ***Recognizing* that solutions to the debt crisis cannot be limited to the mere combined effect of good governance as a criterion for rational resource management, structural adjustment and conditions tied to macro-economic reforms,**

(Algeria)

#### New preambular paragraphs 13bis and 13ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

(13bis) ***Cognizant* that corruption affects poor people hardest as it takes away the money that could otherwise be spent to increase the poor people's access to health and education,**

(13ter) ***Convinced* that no poverty alleviation program of a country is truly sufficient to combat poverty at its core if it is not complemented with a comprehensive anti-corruption program and strong political will of its national leaders,**

(Philippines)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Stressing* the need to ~~make the~~ fight against corruption a ~~priority at all levels~~ and to adopt policies that emphasise ~~accountability~~, transparent public sector management and corporate responsibility and accountability, including efforts to return assets transferred through corruption, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

(China)

Preambular paragraph 15

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Convinced* that globalization **based on sound principles and moral integrity** is a source of opportunities and challenges for all countries and affects daily human lives,

(South Africa)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Noting* that many developing countries ~~are increasingly excluded from~~ **have difficulties in taking part in** international trade and capital flows, with direct consequences in terms of poverty,

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Noting* that many developing countries are increasingly ~~excluded from~~ **unable to take advantage of** international trade and capital flows, with direct consequences in terms of poverty,

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Noting* that many developing countries ~~are increasingly~~ **continue to be** excluded from international trade and capital flows, with direct consequences in terms of poverty,

(United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 17

Delete the paragraph.

(Venezuela)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Noting* ~~the importance of a successful~~ **the hopes that developing countries place in the** Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations for developing countries' development prospects as

well as the usefulness of external "aid for trade" financing to help these countries boost their capacity to participate in global trade,

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Noting* the importance of a successful Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations for developing countries' development prospects as well as the usefulness of external "aid for trade" financing to help these countries boost their capacity to participate **effectively** in global trade,

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Noting* the importance of ~~a successful~~ **the disastrous results of a failed** Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations for developing countries' development prospects as well as the ~~usefulness~~ **risk** of external "aid for trade" financing **which may undermine** ~~to help~~ these countries' ~~boost their~~ capacity to participate in global trade,

(South Africa)

#### New preambular paragraphs 17bis and 17ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 17 to read as follows:

**(17bis) *Noting* the unfair, distorted global trade which is fraught with abuse and exploitative trade relations, and the danger it poses of undermining the success of MDGs,**

**(17ter) *Convinced* that since MDGs essentially focus on poverty reduction, as such, it must be viewed as part of a global development continuum to poverty eradication,**

(South Africa)

#### Preambular paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Observing* that the current international trade and investment system is biased toward developed countries ~~in many sectors and poses problems for numerous developing countries~~ **and that there exist systemic inequities in the international financial, monetary and trading systems that impact adversely on the development prospects of developing countries,**

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Observing* that the current international trade and investment system ~~is biased toward developed countries~~ **shows an imbalance** in many sectors and poses problems for numerous developing countries,

(Japan)



## OPERATIVE PART

### Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by allocating national budget resources to programmes implemented for this purpose, **to participate in the formulation of general policies and monitor their implementation, as well as introduce the necessary legislative amendments to that end;**

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

1. ~~*Urgently Requests*~~ the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by allocating national budget resources to programmes implemented for this purpose;

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by allocating national budget resources to programmes ~~implemented~~ **intended** for this purpose;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by **supporting their translation into specific policies and programmes**, allocating **adequate** national budget resources, ~~to programmes implemented for this purpose~~ **and using parliamentary oversight to monitor progress on MDGs commitments;**

(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by **deploying appropriate resources in provincial and national budget allocations in particular** ~~allocating national budget resources to programmes implemented for this purpose;~~

(South Africa)

### New operative paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. **Encourages parliaments of developing countries to allocate sufficient funds for the setting of "safety nets", whenever necessary, to cushion the impact of globalization**

**on aggrieved sectors of the economy brought about by developing countries' entry into the World Trade Organization and ensure that such funds are properly disbursed according to the approved appropriation;**

*(Philippines)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

**1bis. Invites parliaments to promote mechanisms that ensure policy coherence around the MDGs at national level;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 2

Delete the paragraph.

*(Germany)*

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Urges* developed country parliaments to require their governments to honour their commitment to allocate 0.7% of ~~GNP~~ **GNI** to ODA, as required by the Millennium Declaration and the Monterrey Consensus;

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Urges* developed country parliaments to ~~require~~ **hold** their governments to honour their commitment to allocate 0.7% of GNP to ODA, as required by the Millennium Declaration and the Monterrey Consensus;

*(Sudan)*

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Urges* developed country parliaments to require their governments to honour their commitment to allocate 0.7% of GNP to ODA, as required by the Millennium Declaration and the Monterrey Consensus, **and encourages donor countries to endeavour to achieve a level of debt cancellation over and above the official UN target of 0,7% of GNP;**

*(Sweden)*

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that their governments mobilize the resources necessary for development, ~~combat corruption, continue reforming their institutions,~~ adopt economic and social policies to stimulate **sustainable** growth, establish national strategies for adapting policies to the MDGs, **continuing reforming their institutions and promoting** democracy and human rights, ~~and~~ follow the principles of good governance **and combat corruption;**

*(Cuba)*

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that their governments mobilize the resources necessary for development, combat corruption, continue reforming their institutions, adopt economic and social policies to stimulate growth, establish national

strategies for adapting policies to **achieve** the MDGs, promote democracy and human rights, and follow the principles of good governance;

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that their governments mobilize the resources necessary for development, combat corruption **and its causes**, continue reforming their institutions, adopt economic and social policies to stimulate growth, establish national strategies for adapting policies to the MDGs, promote democracy and human rights, and follow the principles of good governance;

*(South Africa)*

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. ***Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that any conditions promoted by IFIs focus only on fundamental fiduciary concerns which enhance developing countries citizens' ability to hold their governments to account, rather than developing countries accountability to the Bank and Fund;**

*(Cuba)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. ***Calls on* States to strengthen their national statistical capacities, upgrade statistical systems and help provide support towards institutionalizing a uniform and more accurate approach in measuring results and achievements in relations to MDGs, particularly in addressing development and poverty eradication concerns;**

*(Philippines)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. ***Promotes* that national governments and regional integration mechanisms define complementary or additional Millennium Development Goals for every country or group of countries. For instance, Development Goals for Africa, Latin America (with different contents and dead lines);**

*(Venezuela)*

New operative paragraphs 3bis, 3ter and 3quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. ***Calls on* parliaments to support the increase of direct investment in developing countries, including foreign investment, while seeing to it that measures are taken to create sound domestic environments, conducive to attracting investments;**

- 3ter. ***Encourages* parliamentary support to efforts aimed at promoting innovative and additional sources of financing for development;**

**3quater. Urges parliaments to support and monitor the implementation, in their respective countries, of the internationally agreed goals and objectives on gender equality and the advancement of women, and recommends to this end the setting up, where necessary, of specialized parliamentary bodies for gender issues;**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 4

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

**4. Urges national parliaments to play a more active role in following-up implementation of the MDGs, and to encourage their respective governments to report regularly to them – as they do to the United Nations and its relevant bodies – on progress made thereon;**

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Urgently calls* for ~~both developed and~~ developing country governments to submit country and regional reports to their parliaments annually on strategy application and execution;

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Urgently calls* for both developed and developing country governments to submit country ~~and regional~~ reports to their parliaments annually on strategy application and execution;

(India)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Encourages* parliaments **in developing countries** to participate in the formulation of poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSP) within the ad hoc working groups;

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Encourages* parliaments to participate in the formulation of ~~poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSP) within the ad hoc working groups~~ **nationally developed and owned strategic frameworks for poverty reduction;**

(India)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

**5bis. Encourages parliaments to fulfil the clearly defined commitment to overcome inequality in the World Summit on Social Development in 1985;**

(Cuba)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. *Recommends investing by donors in PRSP-related capacity-building programs for the parliaments of recipient countries, as a means to increase aid effectiveness;***

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Suggests the establishment of special committees, or working groups within committees, to monitor executive branch activities within the poverty reduction strategic framework, **in collaboration with the United Nations and its relevant specialized agencies, in particular UNDP, and with relevant national bodies;***

*(Egypt)*

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Suggests **in developing countries** the establishment of special committees, or working groups within committees, to monitor executive branch activities within the poverty reduction strategic framework;*

*(Germany)*

New operative paragraphs 6bis and 6ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

- 6bis. *Suggests the establishment of special committees, or working groups within committees, to study and suggest plausible social programs according to national interests and poverty reduction strategic framework;***

- 6ter. *Recommends that poverty reduction policies and budget related documents be elaborated and presented in such a way as to review the results and highlight achievement of the MDGs;***

*(Cuba)*

New operative paragraphs 6bis, 6ter, 6quater, 6quinquies, 6sexies and 6septies

Add six new paragraphs after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

- 6bis. To enhance efficiency with respect to the allocation of official development assistance, aid has to be brought in line with the receiving country's national strategies and harmonized among donors in order to avoid duplication of efforts and administrative overload;**

- 6ter. Regarding countries that benefit from development assistance, it is crucial to apply the major principle of ownership of programmes, in other words for those countries themselves to take charge of aid policies by mainstreaming it into the broader framework of their economic and social policies;**

- 6quater. **Negotiate with rich countries with a view to eliminating agricultural subsidies and removing tariff and non-tariff barriers in order to foster exports of the least developed countries (LDCs) and provide direct aid for crossborder equipment projects, particularly on the African continent,**
- 6quinquies. **Work towards reforming the official development assistance system by better targeting, managing and channelling investments towards long-term capacity building (infrastructure and human capital) and institutional support for good governance;**
- 6sexies. **Revitalize regional coordination to tackle certain problems such as desertification, climate change and funding of major projects. Particular attention should be paid to science and technology on the international level insofar as they provide opportunities to poor countries;**
- 6septies. **Encourage the international community, governments and national African parliaments to take the necessary measures on the international, national, regional and local levels to prevent and settle conflicts through peaceful means, as well as to maintain peace and security in African countries, these being prerequisites for human development;**

*(Morocco)*

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Recommends* that policies ~~and budget~~ documents be presented in such a way as to highlight achievement of the MDGs;

*(Germany)*

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Suggests* the organization of public debates on these poverty reduction strategic documents, **where they exist**, and the fielding of missions **by the national country parliaments** to monitor their implementation;

*(India)*

Move operative paragraph 8 to the end of operative paragraph 6, as amended.

*(Egypt)*

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 8bis. *Invites* developed country parliaments to promote cross-party agreements in relation to the MDGs, particularly aid, as a means to guarantee the necessary continuity of governmental action;

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 9

Delete the paragraph.

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* developed country parliaments to organize the monitoring of **their** national aid policies and to field missions to assess ~~their results~~ **adherence to these policies**;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* developed country parliaments to organize the monitoring of national aid policies and to field missions to assess their results, **and also encourages them to broadly disclose the results to parliamentarians and the public as a contribution to parliamentary debate and policymaking**;

(Japan)

Operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11

Merge operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 10

Delete the paragraph.

(Germany)

Operative paragraph 11

Delete the paragraph.

(Germany, India)

Operative paragraph 12

Delete the paragraph.

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Encourages* donor countries, and in particular Members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), to issue reports on progress toward the eighth ~~MDG~~ (develop world partnership for development), **and seventh (ensure environmental sustainability) MDGs and to regularly inform their parliaments of the measures taken to achieve these goals, especially regarding the establishment of an open and non-discriminatory trade and finance system, debt sustainability, access to essential drugs and the new technologies in developed countries, as well as implementation of a national sustainable development plan; ~~indicating the quantitative and qualitative measures they have taken in pursuit of these goals, particularly in terms of debt forgiveness;~~**

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Recommends* concrete, effective and timely action in implementing all agreed commitments on aid effectiveness, with clear monitoring and deadlines, building institutional capacities, reducing transaction costs and eliminating bureaucratic procedures, making progress on untying aid, enhancing the absorptive capacity and financial management of recipient countries and strengthening the focus ~~on~~ **in** development results;

(Germany)

New operative paragraphs 13bis and 13ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

- 13bis. *Draws attention to* the distortion of arbitral tribunals in investment matters, insofar as they are set up as international judges of economic policy, largely favouring corporations and jeopardizing equitable development in developing countries;**

- 13ter. *Highlights* the role of parliamentarians in the sovereign decisions of economic policy for the equitable development of their countries, and *points out* that arbitral tribunals in investment matters have no jurisdiction to judge the success or failure of such decisions when hearing claims for compensation brought by corporations if such decisions are applied based on non-discriminatory general norms;**

(Argentina)

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Encourages* donor countries to continue and strengthen collaboration with United Nations agencies, international financial institutions, other donor countries, NGOs, and the private sector **in a manner that will genuinely empower developing countries;**

(South Africa)

New operative paragraph 14bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 14 to read as follows:

- 14bis. Parliaments of developed countries must adopt measures, and in particular, new and specific legislation regarding the management of foreign debt, such as Spain's recently enacted Law Governing the Management of Foreign Debt, so as to provide a framework that is solid, accountable, engaged with developing countries, and integrated in an international multilateral framework;**

(Spain)



Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Emphasizes* that debt has become unbearable for many developing countries, and *urgently calls* for acceleration in the establishment of effective procedures for debt forgiveness or viable rescheduling, ~~while ensuring~~ **and reform the unjust terms and conditions of International Trade Agreements to ensure** that developing countries do not become over-indebted again;
- (Sudan)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

15. **Encourages** parliaments to support international debt reduction initiatives;
- (Switzerland)

Operative paragraphs 15 and 17

Merge the existing operative paragraphs 15 and 17 into one and amend it to read as follows:

15. **Recommends** to further develop mechanisms, such as the Debt Sustainability Framework (DSF) to help low-income countries maintain debt at sustainable levels;
- (Germany)

New operative paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

- 15bis. **Encourages** donor countries to continue the writing-offs of old debts and the reduction of binding and non-binding conditions attached to their lending;
- (Cuba)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

- 15bis. **Encourages** to continue efforts, made on the bilateral and multilateral level, to reduce debt and maintain indebtedness in developing countries at a sustainable path;
- (Germany)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

- 15bis. **Urges** the parliaments of developing countries to ensure that their governments avoid becoming once again overburdened with debt;
- (Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Encourages* States to allocate the resources liberated from debt **reduction and** cancellation to MDG-related expenditures, particularly in areas of health, education, and gender equality, consistent with each country's poverty reduction strategy;
- (Romania)

New operative paragraph 16bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. *Recommends to further develop mechanisms, such as the Debt Sustainability Framework (DSF) to help low-income countries maintain debt at sustainable level;***

*(Germany)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. *Encourages all donor countries, and other multilateral institutions to seriously consider negotiating moratorium or rescheduling of debts as well as reinvest in the economies of the debtor countries 50% of the agreed on portion of the debt service payment due to them in the form of equities or other kind of financial assets and technical assistance towards MDGs programs especially in the area of reforestation, education, health, and gender equity consistent with each country's poverty reduction strategy;***

*(Indonesia)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. *Emphasizes the need for debt cancellation to be additional to development assistance of each donor country, and not lead to a reduction in their development assistance;***

*(Norway)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. *Encourages parliaments to consider appropriations for military expenditures vis-à-vis expenditures on the basic and most compelling human needs;***

*(Philippines)*

Operative paragraph 17

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

- 17. *Encourages parliaments to promote bilateral and regional initiatives to explore possible solutions for helping heavily indebted poor countries;***

*(Italy)*

New operative paragraphs 17bis and 17ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. *Move beyond the logic of macro-economic ratios to deal with debt, mainstreaming a human development and social criteria component to facilitate the incorporation of resources needed to achieve the MDGs;***

- 17ter. *Encourage new initiatives to cancel the external public debt of poor countries and release funds earmarked for the achievement of the MDGs by concluding with each State a framework contract setting out the arrangements for the complete***

**cancellation of the debt and identifying the social sectors linked to the MDGs that should be financed by the debt cancellation;**

*(Morocco)*

New operative paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

**19bis. Recognizing the need to criminalise both the acceptance and the offering of corruption;**

*(Norway)*

New operative paragraphs 19bis and 19ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

**19bis. Promote mechanisms to manage in a transparent and decentralized manner and combat corruption that promote the rule of law and an environment that is conducive to business in order to attract private investment, in particular foreign direct investment;**

**19ter. Draw up a national integrity charter in accordance with the norms of Transparency International, and provide for appropriate implementation mechanisms;**

*(Morocco)*

Operative paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Invites* States to consolidate and improve their laws on the freedom of information and communication, in the interests of achieving transparency in public life and the denunciation of corruption **without prejudice to the right to privacy and inviolability of the person, and without compromising the reputation of others;**

*(Egypt)*

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Invites* States to consolidate and improve their laws on the freedom of information and communication, in the interests of achieving transparency in public life and the denunciation of corruption **in the public and private sector ;**

*(Philippines)*

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Invites* States to consolidate and improve their laws on the freedom of **and access to** information and communication, in the interests of achieving transparency in public life and the denunciation of corruption;

*(South Africa)*

New operative paragraph 20bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 20 to read as follows:

- 20bis. Encourages parliaments to adopt measures to effectively combat corruption and provide protection and incentives to those who denounce instances of corruption;**  
(Italy)

New operative paragraphs 20bis, 20ter and 20quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 20 to read as follows:

- 20bis. Calls on the Inter-Parliamentary Union to draw up a program to raise awareness on combating corruption and to circulate this program among the parliamentary sections, and to call for establishing a partnership between parliaments and civil society institutions to fight corruption;**
- 20ter. To spread a culture facing corruption as it has become a growing cultural element;**
- 20quater. To find ways to encourage people to fight corruption and not let them get used to it and thus act indifferently towards it;**  
(Lebanon)

Operative paragraphs 20 and 21

Merge operative paragraph 20, as amended, and operative paragraph 21 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 21

Delete the paragraph.

(Germany)

New operative paragraph 21bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 21 to read as follows:

- 21bis. Invites governments to actively encourage public relations in the public and private sectors designed to prevent corruption;**  
(Japan)

Operative paragraph 22

Amend to read as follows:

- 22. Encourages the use of control measures to verify the regularity and sincerity of public accounts in developing countries;**  
(Germany)

Operative paragraphs 19, 22 and 24

Merge operative paragraphs 19, 22 and 24 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Encourages* the adoption of transparent mechanisms for the appointment of senior public officials **to avoid nepotism and power misused**;

(Sudan)

Operative paragraph 25

Amend to read as follows:

25. *Recommends* the adoption and ratification of the international conventions against corruption, and in particular the **ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative** and UN conventions;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

25. *Recommends* the adoption and ratification of the international conventions against corruption, and in particular the OECD and UN conventions, **and stresses in this regard that a legislative guide for the ratification and implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption is being developed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute**;

(Romania)

Operative paragraphs 25 and 26

Merge operative paragraphs 25 and 26 into one.

(Egypt)

New operative paragraph 26bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 26 to read as follows:

- 26bis. Requests that, at the first meeting of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, methods be discussed for the regular study of the state of implementation of the convention;**

(Japan)

Operative paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

27. *Encourages* the development of parliamentary cooperation in the fight against corruption **and its causes**;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraphs 27bis and 27ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 27 to read as follows:

**27bis. Invites parliaments to ensure greater transparency of parliamentary processes;**

**27ter. Invites members of parliaments to demonstrate personal accountability by adopting codes of conduct and strengthening conflict of interest rules and financial disclosure laws;**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 28

Amend to read as follows:

28. *Urgently calls on* countries participating in the current multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization ~~to complete the current~~ **to resume the suspended** Doha Round of negotiations **at an early date** in a manner that significantly improves the **multilateral trading system and** the trade and development prospects of developing countries;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

28. ~~*Urgently Calls on* the parliaments of~~ countries participating in the ~~current WTO~~ multilateral trade negotiations ~~at the World Trade Organization~~ **to urge their respective governments** to complete the current Doha Round ~~of negotiations~~ in a manner that significantly improves the trade and development prospects of developing countries;

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

28. ~~*Urgently calls on* countries participating in the current multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization to complete the current Doha Round of negotiations in a manner that significantly improves the trade and development prospects of developing countries~~ **upon the developed partners to demonstrate flexibility and political will necessary to bridge the existing gaps so that there will be an early formal resumption of negotiations in a manner that can ensure success as measured by the terms of the Doha mandate for the conclusion of the Development Round in the spirit of Doha and Hong Kong Ministerial Declarations;**

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

28. *Urgently calls on* countries participating in the current multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization to ~~complete~~ **resume** the currently **suspended** Doha Round of negotiations ~~in a manner that~~ **as soon as possible from the perspective also** ~~of significantly improves~~ **improving** the trade and development prospects of developing countries;

(Japan)

New operative paragraph 28bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis. Urges the IPU Members together with all UN member states to adopt the concept and strategy of implementing MDGs as an initial stage of a continuum towards genuine poverty eradication;**

*(South Africa)*

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis. Urges the international community to help the LDCs which are suffering from internal conflicts to maintain peace and security to address the issue of poverty elimination rather than transferring the national resources to maintain law and order;**

*(Sudan)*

New operative paragraphs 28bis, 28ter, 28quater and 28quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis. Provide a training programme for members of parliament after each general election. Such training should equip members of parliament with the necessary capacity to discharge their constitutional duties;**

- 28ter. Strengthen the capacity of parliamentarians in the area of analysing the national budget within the framework of combating poverty and achieving the MDGs;**

- 28quater. Sensitize the various bodies about the role of parliament and parliamentarians in the areas of ratification, implementation and follow-up of international treaties;**

- 28quinquies. Produce a document adapted to its target audience (parliamentarians, the Executive, the press, students) describing the constitutional duties of parliament and members of parliament, including their legislative function.**

*(Morocco)*